

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6
By Buck

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the town of Woodbury on being named one of the 100 Best Small Art Towns in America.

WHEREAS, it is important that the members of this General Assembly recognize those Tennessee communities whose efforts to enhance the quality of life reflect positively on the state of Tennessee and its good citizens; and

WHEREAS, the people of Woodbury comprise one such town, having been recently recognized by John Villani in his book entitled The 100 Best Small Art Towns in America; and

WHEREAS, for hundreds of years the peaceful, low hills of Woodbury and Cannon County have provided a unique backdrop for various craft traditions; and

WHEREAS, adding to this tradition is a new generation of artists who have moved to the area, attracted by its low cost of living, moderate climate and easy way of life; and

WHEREAS, Woodbury boasts the Cannon County Arts Center, a 13,000 square-foot facility housing classrooms, visual arts exhibition spaces, a 250-seat hall and a sculpture park on its manicured grounds; and

WHEREAS, the region's school district has embraced the center and its director Donald Fann for his innovative programs for children, putting Woodbury schools at the forefront of comprehensive arts education; and

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WHEREAS, Woodbury is nationally acclaimed for its white oak basketry and chair-making. These traditional yet elegant craft forms are among the nation's most sought-after, making Woodbury craftspeople no strangers to art dealers and gallery owners from across the nation who journey there to discover new talent; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Center is the focal point for many activities, ranging from Woodbury's annual Black History Celebration to local dance and choral performances to the annual gathering of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the town also plays host to the annual White Oak Country Crafts Fair, where artists throughout the region come to exhibit their extraordinary talents; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those Tennessee communities which contribute significantly to the enhancement and well being of their respective communities and the quality of life for all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate the town of Woodbury for being named one of the 100 best art towns in America and extend to its citizens our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.